President's Message

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you my welcome to Shaker. This is your school, and it is up to you whether this will be a red letter year or not. With the opening of the new additions—new elbow room, wrestling room, and new classrooms—the structure of the school is bigger and better. I hope you will take advantage of these additions.

Now is the time to begin striving toward being better citizens of our community by accepting the responsibilities of your school.

If part of a machine is missing, even though it may be the smallest part, the total job of the machine will not be done to the best capacity. You are one of the over one thousand students at Shaker. Do not feel that you are unimportant. If you will do your part, and work with others, Shaker can be great.

In closing I would like to again extend to you my warmest and most sincere welcome, and also wish you success in the coming year.

The Staff of the Shakerite
Wishes all of you
Best of Luck
for 1955-56

Principal's Message

For the Staff of the Shaker Heights High School I say "HELLO!"

I hope you have had a good summer.

Last year during the construction of the additional rooms, everyone was magnificent. This year we shall have the pleasure of using and enjoying the excellent new facilities. May we have the wisdom and moral courage to use our building wisely.

Again I wish to say that your participation in the administration of our school is requested and expected. To a large degree you have the responsibility of determining the tone of the school.

Together we can have a happy and worthwhile year.

Let's go!

RUSSELL H. RUPP
Principal

The Shakerite

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Mr. Kenyon Cramer

Mr. Kelly Danford

Shaker Salutes New Faces of '55; Four Teachers Join School Staff

"New faces of 1955," those belonging to Shaker's new faculty members, will provide expert instruction in subjects ranging from drama to the higher mathematics. Shaker wants to extend a sincere welcome to its new teachers, and wishes them the very best of luck in the forthcoming year.

The first of our new faces is Mr. Kenyon Cramer, who will teach American History. He comes to us from Case Institute of Technology where he taught for eight years. Mr. Cramer completed his undergraduate work at Oberlin College, and his graduate work at Western Reserve University. He is replacing Mr. John Newman who will be teaching near his home in New Jersey.

Mr. Kelly Danford will fill the position formerly held by Miss Margot Klein in the speech and dramatics department. Miss Klein has departed for France to teach for a year. Mr. Danford has a degree from Ohio Wesleyan, and has completed his course work for a doctorate at Ohio State University. He has taught speech at Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio State. This past summer Mr. Danford was director of the summer playhouse in Willmington, Ohio.

An addition to our steadily growing business education department is Mr. Kenneth Schempf, a graduate of Akron University. Mr. Schempf has taught at Brooklyn High School located outside of Cleveland.

The last of our new faces is Mr. Andrew Tobasco who will replace Mr. A. P. Drayer in the mathematics department. Mr. Drayer has left us to become the principal of a school in Pennsylvania. Mr. Tobasco is a graduate of Kent University in Ohio and has completed a course for his doctorate at Western Reserve University. He has taught mathematics at Newton Falls High School and was also the faculty manager of athletics there. He is a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

Mr. Kenneth Schempf

Mr. Andrew Tobasco

Don't miss the
KICK-OFF PARTY
September 9
8:30

A New Start

The first day of school is similar to the beginning of a new year, for students tend to make their resolutions on that day. Who hasn't said, "I'm really going to do better this year." . . . or . . . "This year will be different." There's no better day for saying and for meaning these things than the first day of school. The manner in which you begin your sophomore, junior, or senior year will most likely be the manner in which you will continue the year.

For the sophomores it is the excitement of a brand new world, a school they feel they will get lost in, so many new friends to make, so many things going on around them. They are worried about bug collections and looking forward to the first dance. For the juniors it is hoped that this year is but a better edition of their sophomore year. The boys are now eligible for varsity sports and the girls have found that there are many more and different things to do as juniors than there were as sophomores. People will say that the senior class of any year tends to lose its enthusiasm for the things that were exciting as underclassmen, but seniors of previous years will testify to the fact that their senior year was "the greatest".

And so the Shakerite staff of 1955-56 wishes all its friends the best of luck for a brand new school year. We would also like to encourage you to give us your suggestions and ideas either orally or through letters to the editor. Here's looking forward to a good year scholastically, and in every other way.

ActivityTicket Drive Begins

This morning, which marked the beginning of another school year, also marked the beginning of the Student Council's annual Activity Ticket Drive. The success of this drive will determine the success of this year's student activity program. Activity Tickets may be purchased in the homerooms for $5.25 cash or check. (Make checks payable to "SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL." Checks made out to the Board of Education cannot be accepted).

Your $5.25 will be divided in the following manner: Seven football games $2.80; Shakerite $1.60; Class dues .50; Assembly fund .10; Student council .20; Girls' athletics .05. Remember, upon presentation of your Activity Ticket at the Student Council office, you will receive tickets good for seven of our football games.

The drive ends Tuesday at which time we should reach our goal of 100%. There is only one student activity drive a year, Shakerites, so do your part.

Big Sister Program Welcomes New Girls

Friday, September 9th, will be designated as the Big-Little Sister Day at Shaker. Get acquainted name tags will be passed out in the homerooms to all the Big and Little Sisters. After school, the traditional Coke Party will be held. All Big Sisters are asked to bring their Little Sisters to this social affair and acquaint them with the rest of the girls.

The Big-Little Sister Committee, of which Nan Hoover and Mary Gibson are co-chairman, has planned the Coke Party. Nan Hoover and her committee have planned the entertainment. The Publicity Committee was headed by Bev Biederman and the refreshment by Nancy Jensen. Ruth Ann Hurt and Mary Gibson are chairman respectively of the Decoration and Invitation committee.

Sandy Huey and Adele Horowitz, both new sophmores, were also a part of the Big-Litle Sister Committee. Their job was with the new sophmore girls' personalities so as to avoid any conflicts when assigning Big Sisters.

The Committee hopes that this 1955-56 year will be the best year Shaker has ever had. Good luck to you Shakerites.

Know Your School

During the latter part of the past school year two important school organizations made major changes in their policies. The Booster Club, under the leadership of Mary Miller, and last year's Demerit Panel have both instituted new ideas which the Shakerite felt should be brought to the attention of the entire student body and especially to the new sophomores:

Demerit Panel

The Demerit Panel is a student organization which attempts to help the student to get along better with school regulations. It is composed of two juniors, a boy and a girl; four seniors, two boys and two girls; and the Student Council vice president, who is its leader.

For violations of various school rules, the student receives a set number of demerits, which is duly recorded. One of these may be eliminated if the student goes for one month without receiving another demerit. If he goes two months without a demerit, a total of three demerits is subtracted from his record, etc.

After accumulating three demerits, the student is sent a letter telling him his number of demerits. At five, the student is asked to appear before the Demerit Panel and his case is discussed. The Panel then makes a report to the dean which includes its recommendations, which may be a letter home to the parents or suspension.

Booster Club

The booster club is a service organization made up of boys and girls who give up their study halls to help maintain order in the halls, to help in the parking lot, to assist teachers and students, and to help out at any special functions.

During the summer a committee worked to revise the Booster Club Constitution and Regulations, which will go into effect as soon as they have been passed by the Student Council. Booster Pins have arrived! A check list to be used by Booster Captains is now being prepared. This list will help the club to choose the people who will receive Booster Awards by next spring. The Booster Club expects to keep its problems small by holding regular meetings every three weeks and special meetings whenever necessary.

The Booster Club is the responsibility of the vice-president Mary Miller who says, "A successful club means co-operation and hard work!"

Leaders Limber Lungs and Limbs; Squad Sweats at Summer Sessions

By Beverly Biederman

Ten peppy cheerleaders will climax the end of long summer practices when they begin their cheering at the sophomore assembly on Tuesday, September 6. The seven girls and three boys will strain their tonsils for the first time before the entire student body at the kick-off party on September 9.

The chant of "Center, end, tackle, guard" has been heard every Tuesday evening during the summer months by these cheerleaders who have been practicing, planning pep rallies, and making posters for the coming football season. Among these spirited people are captain Beverly Biederman, Barbara Biederman, Debbie Davies, Anne Herzog, Marilyn Telepak, and Jane Watterson, also Ben Fisco, Terry Pim, and Brian Switzer.

Because Sue Mussey has moved to Massachusetts, the cheerleaders will be holding tryouts for juniors during the next few weeks to fill the alternate's position.

Five hundred red and white beanies have been purchased by the cheerleaders, and will be sold by them for 25c a piece. For the basketball season, the cheerleaders will be right in style with their new uniforms.

S-H-A-K-E-R is chanted by (top left) Ben Fisco, Terry Pim, Brian Switzer and (bottom left) Barb Biederman, Bev Biederman, Marilyn Telepak, and Marge Haag at a summer practice session.

The Sport Scene

By Jim Greene

Some of those dear departed Shaker athletes who have graduated and have or will go on to greater athletic glory on the college campuses of the country have been back to their old stamping ground for a little pre-season conditioning.

Dick Morris will don football togs for the Syracuse freshman team this fall. Dick was honored with an athletic scholarship by Syracuse.

Norm Jacobs and Charlie Berger who wore the Red and White for "Sugar" Jim Halderman last season plan to continue their football ambitions at Princeton and Lehigh Universities respectively.

The Williams duo of Hank Dimlich and Dick Clokey will return to Williamstown, Massachusetts to perform for their teams. Hank is an aspiring lineman for the Williams varsity and Dick will participate in cross-country.

Mike Brown will again do his part for the Dartmouth Big Green at quarterback.

Earl Biederman (who still has some relations at Shaker) will return to the football lineup for the Miami Redskins.

At Bucknell, Luke Karlovec will be active in their football scene at end.

At Shaker also, the boys have returned after a summer which broadened shoulders and added weight.

A quarterback's best friend.

Dan Holmes has been preparing for the grueling battles ahead with some heavy duty road work.

George Brown spent his summer in a warehouse?

Several young hardies worked at the various Shaker playgorunds. Walt Freedman handled softball activties at Sussex. The Malvern playschool was lucky to have Mike Blane as an instructor, and Bob Mears kept the kids moving at Lomond.

Two huskies who lived at Camp Adanac this summer were Larry Gould and Bill Carlson.

To "Sugar" Jim—a fellow rare
I've seen your teams of character
But this year I hope your kindly whip
Will bring us an overdue championship.

Before the battle—a conference.

'Sugar Jim' Is Counting on Speed To Help Offset Absence of Size

One day very late in August we went to the Shaker practice field to talk to Coach Jim Halderman as he stood hands-on-hips and bawled out instructions to a group of individuals that would on September 16 be a team.

These are his comments to the questions we asked. The questions were varied, but we think they include a comprehensive outlook of the season and an inkling of what to expect.

How was the turnout?

Fifty boys reported for varsity football, but only thirty-five will be kept for the season. We must cut in relation to need.

Who are the new faces with potential?

We have many boys that show great promise Jack Freund, Curt Telzrow, Roger McArt, Pete Eichorn, Ken Dettleback, and Randy Bartell are a few boys to watch this year on the line. In the backfield Walt Freedman, who was injured last year and unable to play, has shown a lot of fine spirit and has learned quickly, however, because of the surplus backfield material Walt will probably alternate at halfback and end. Corky Maniaci is a fine passer and will be Goodman's replacement at quarterback.

How much depth will the team have this year?

The team will have more balance this year. We will only be one team deep, but we are working on capable subs to fill the starting positions. Our only sore spot is the line which is very inexperienced and small; however, we will make up the size deficit with speed.

Do you think the L.E.L. championship is overdue for Shaker?

I'll say it's overdue, but the only thing is getting it.

Who are the chief contenders for the title this year?

Every team will be strong this year. Lakewood, Cleveland Heights, Shaker, and possibly Parma will be the top contenders.

Did home attendance slip this year?

It did some but not enough to affect the budget.

How much does a big crowd help the morale of the team?

It is a wonderful help especially an enthusiastic one.

Do you think pep rallies are good for promoting spirit?

By all means yes! We are working on their possible improvement with the cheerleaders and Mr. Thrailkill.

Thank you Mr. Halderman and good luck to you and the team of 1955.

Rice Optimistic; Sees Fine Season

Aided by five returning lettermen, Shaker's cross-country squad should place highly in its scheduled eight meets this year, according to a pre-season appraisal by Coach Bob Rice.

The returning lettermen are: Bill Benson, Pete Harwood, Bob Mears, Jack Brown and Mike Gavlak. Other harriers whose experience in last year's meets should greatly aid the team this season this year are: Bob West, Jim Jung, Bob Carleton, Gordon Baldwin, Dave Young, and Bob Hempel.

The first meet of the season, an intersquad meet, will take place on Saturday morning, September 24. Other important dates in the 1955 cross-country are October 22, when the Lake Erie League meet occurs, and October 29, the date of the District meet.

Coach Rice says he is "very optimistic about this season." He adds, "We should do well with all the returning lettermen, possibly better than last year."

Racquet Squad

Shaker's 1955 Fall tennis team will be centered around the team's six returning lettermen. All six of these players have been improving their tennis throughout the past summer.

This fall Shaker's team has three players who have been ranked in the top six of Cleveland's Jr. Davis Cup Team. These are Doug Ganim, David Luke, and Tony Haber. The Jr. Davis Cup Team went to Toledo, Dayton, and Middletown. The Dayton victory enabled the team to be ranked first in Ohio. Lettermen Bob Lowe and Dick Inglis played tennis at camp while Dave Seidenfeld participated in the local tournaments.

September 16

at Shaker

Shaker vs. South

Where Are Jayvees

Where are the sophmore football players? This is the problem that confronts JayVee coaches Fred Heinlen and Bob Rice who are trying to build a football squad for the coming season. Only 18 boys turned out for the JayVee team during the pre-season practice sessions. "This is the smallest turnout that Shaker has ever had for the junior varsity football team. We are greatly hampered by this lack of manpower," said Coach Heinlen. Because of this lack of players, the practice work has been severly curtailed and there has been little contact work. Most of the time has been spent on the practice field working on fundamentals, but a few hours of each day were spent in classes where the boys were lectured by the coaching staff on football techniques.

Coach Heinlen said, "The 18 boys who have been working out are a terrific group of boys and they have worked hard, but we still need more boys on the squad. Any sophmore boy who would like to play football is encouraged to come out for the team now."

Mel Cohen and Charles Bishop in the backfield and lineman Eugene Cohen are some of the boys who have shown good potential and are boys to watch during the season.

Commenting on the outlook for this season, Coach Heinlen stated, "I have absolutely no idea of what kind of a team we are going have. All I know is that we need more boys on the squad and we need them badly."

Intramural Council Guides Boys' Sports

This year Shaker is to get an entirely new and different intramural sports program. Mr. Rice, head of the new system, feels it will be a successful one on the basis of solid organization, which seems to have been lacking in previous years. The program will be governed by a group of boys from each grade to be known as the Intramural Council. Teams will still be formed by students with captains selected by each individual team. There will be separate grade elimination tournaments, the rulers of which will meet in an all-school championship play-off.

The new program will have basically the same activities as in the past, but any new suggestions will be welcomed. The fall sports will feature touch football and a special basketball tournament. In the late fall two more events will be added, these being the wrestling and swimming meets.

Volleyball, badminton, and foul-shooting are three of the activities in the winter schedule. The winner of the foul-shooting contest will represent Shaker in the area competion for the city title.

The final cut for the varsity basketball squad will signal the start of the winter intramural basketball program. The team from this group are slated to have games with intramural teams from other Lake Erie League schools.

The coming of spring will see intramural softball and golf get its start. The weekly golf matches will serve as the qualifying rounds for the varsity golf competion.